

REMARKS

Applicants cancel claims 34 and 39 in the present response. Claims 1 – 18, 20 – 32, and 35 – 36 remain pending in the application. Applicants amended claims 1, 3, 5, 15, 16, 18, 22, 29, and 31 to correct minor errors. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has allowed pending claims 1 – 18, 20 – 32, and 35 – 36.

Claims 34 and 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,311,588 to Polcyn in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,991,311 to Long and U.S. Patent No. 5,461,640 to Gatherer. Applicants have canceled rejected claims 34 and 39.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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